

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:517
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2001
INADEQUATE TELEPHONE FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the telephone facilities in some States are lowest in term of population of those States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the said facilities particularly linking of every village panchayat with telephone facility in those States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION 517 FOR 23RD APRIL, 2001 REGARDING INADEQUATE TELEPHONE FACILITY.

The details of State-wise tele-density are as per Annexure. There are nine States with a tele-density less than the national average. In many of these States it has not been possible to extend the communication network expeditiously primarily on account of reasons like difficult terrain, the need to spread the network to remote and inaccessible areas, lack of other infrastructure facilities like power.

All possible steps are being taken to expedite the growth of the network in these States so that communication facilities become available on demand by the end of year 2002 in accordance with the provisions of NTP-99. For the year 2001-02, the following targets have been fixed by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited to increase telephone facilities:-

(i) DELs (Direct Exchange Lines) - 72.30 (lakhs)

(ii) Transmission:
Optical Fibre Cable - 126000 (Route Kilometres)
Microwave - 7500 (Route Kilometres)
Total 133500 (Route Kilometres)

(iii) VPTs (Village Public Telephones) - 144000

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE TELE DENSITY AS ON 31/03/2001

S.NO.	NAME OF STATE	PROJECTED POPULATION 31/3/2001	TOTAL DELs PER 100 PERSONS	TELE DENSITY
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1	ANDEMAN & NICOBAR	394000	30076	7.63
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	76392000	3071899	4.02
3	ASSAM	26492000	352239	1.33
4	BIHAR	101819000	950325	0.93
5	GUJARAT	49308000	2633533	5.34
6	HARYANA	20120000	853104	4.24
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	6805000	359750	5.29
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10071000	173533	1.72
9	KARNATAKA	52720000	2466212	4.68
10	KERALA	32602000	2435912	7.47
11	MADHYA PRADESH	81189000	1632823	2.01
12	MAHARASHTRA	93684000	5969707	6.37
13	NORTH EAST	12822000	246475	1.92
14	ORISSA	36156000	548657	1.52
15	PUNJAB	24701000	1705700	6.91
16	RAJASTHAN	54509000	1395445	2.56
17	TAMIL NADU	63386000	3724886	5.88
18	UTTAR PRADESH	174290000	2886050	1.66
19	WEST BENGAL	80561000	2148651	2.67
20	DELHI	14366000	2498919	17.39
TOTAL				1012387000 36083896 3.56

Note: Gujarat state includes Dadar Diu, Daman & Nagar Haveli (U.T.).
Kerala state includes Lakshadweep (U.T.)
Maharashtra state includes Goa and Mumbai.

North-East telecom circle includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura states.

Punjab state includes Chandigarh(U.T.)
Tamil Nadu includes Chennai and Pondhicherry(U.T.)
West Bengal state includes Calcutta and Sikkim,
Bihar state includes Jharkhand state.
Madhya Pradesh state includes Chattisgarh state.
Uttar Pradesh state includes Uttranchal state.